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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: A METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER
STRUCTURE FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5 and 8-11 as follows:

1/ (Amended) A hot marking method enabling decoration to be made on an article, comprising the steps of :

supplying a multilayer structure comprising a layer of varnish that hardens under the effect of radiation, a backing layer, and a layer of decoration, the varnish layer being situated between the backing layer and the decoration layer;